Preliminary Amendmen PCT/FR98/02112

Claim 28, line 1, delete "any one of claims 20 to 27" and insert /---claim 20 ----.

Remarks

Please enter the above amendments that are for the purpose of eliminating multiple dependent claims from the accompanying application. The late receipt of this application from the foreign agent relative to the priority necessitates the filing of this case with the above limited Preliminary Amendment. A further Preliminary Amendment placing the complete application in condition for examination will be filed in the near future.

If there are any questions with respect to this Preliminary Amendment or any matter relating to this application, Applicant's attorney may be reached at (248) 362-1210.

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